

ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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Sunday, December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent



GOD BLESS AMERICA

WELCOME: To all Visitors and New-comers! If you are interested in becoming a member of our church family, please call the office at (337) 364-0818 or fill out a Census Form found on the table in the entrance of Church and mail to the office.

BAPTISM: Please contact the office or Rev. James Nguyen.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage should contact the office at least 6 months before the proposed date of weddings.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Confessions are heard from 30 minutes until 10 minutes before weekend Masses, and from 11:30am until 12:00pm noon on weekday Masses, and by appointment.

**MASS INTENTIONS & BULLETIN INFORMATION

DEADLINE: Wednesday before 4:00 pm. All Mass intentions & Bulletin information turned in after Wednesday will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION & MAIL IN COLLECTION

CHURCH SUPPORT & MAINTENANCE: 12/03	\$	3,069.65
MAIL IN COLLECTION: 12/4-7	\$	300.00
TOTAL:	\$	3,369.65

FOOD PANTRY:	\$	300.00
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"Thank You" for your generosity & continued support

CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-12/15-Group 2-Betty Romero

TEEN LIFE MINISTRY-

Ashley Menard-Leader-337-380-3239 & Angela Meyer

ALTAR FLOWERS-

...In Thanksgiving for 56 Years of Marriage for
Edmond & Margie Broussard
(Wedding Anniversary-December 10th)
Brian Landry (Birthday-December 27th)
By Margie & Edmond Broussard

SUNDAY READINGS-

December 10-Second Sunday of Advent-
Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8 (5)

December 17-Third Sunday of Advent-
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 (8)

Pastor: Rev. James Nguyen

Staff: Office Manager: Ann Boudreaux
Receptionist/Secretary: Yvonne Hebert

Trustees: Mike Wattigny 337-577-4904
Catherine Simmons 504-905-1726

Financial Council Chairperson: Dan Duncan: 337-364-4966

Pastoral Council Members:

Chairperson: Wendy Segura: 337-367-1602

Vice Chairperson: Claire Larson: 337-277-9171

Secretary: Kathy Broussard: 337-352-1112

Social Justice Committee: Claire Larson: 337-277-9171

Evangelization Committee: Nancy Hebert: 337-364-4409

Religious Education Committee: Wendy Segura: 337-367-1602
& Kathy Broussard: 337-352-1112

Worship Committee: Versa Dore: 337-967-2401

Management & Finance Committee: Henry Charpentier:
337-256-2473

Regional Pastoral Council: **Open for Volunteer-Call the office to apply**

Religious Education Office Phone: 337-364-9419

Coordinator-Religious Education: Yvonne Hebert 337-519-8411

Assistant Coordinator: Wendy Segura: 337-367-1602

St. Marcellus Business Working Hours:

Monday-Thursday	8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Lunch	11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am - 11:30 am

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 12:10 pm

*First Friday of Month: Mass at 4:30pm

*First Friday Adoration: 8:00am-4:00pm-Devotions

Friday: 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Friday of Month *12:10 pm

*Holy Hour: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Friday of the month at 11:00 am

First Saturday of Month: 9:00am Mass (Rosary at 8:15am followed by Devotions) Children of Mary members please arrive at church by 8:00am for Rosary

BAPTISMS- If you are not a registered member for our parish, there are registration census forms on the table in the entrance of Church that needs to be filled out before you can have your child baptized here. Either mail the form to the Church or put in an envelope marked "Census" and put in the collection. ***If you live outside of our parish, you will have to contact your local church parish to get a letter stating they give permission for our Church to baptize your child here.**

MASS INTENTIONS-

Saturday, December 9 / 8:30am: The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)
Saturday, December 9 / 4:00pm: Aaron J. & Sis Lavergne Jr., Johnny & Ethel Viator, E. J. DeRouen, Jackson & Olampe Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, Bill & Susan Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary 3:30pm)
Sunday, December 10 / 7:00am: Mack & Irene Wilson Family, Jonathan Gautreau, Cody David, Mary D. Robertson, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased
Sunday, December 10 / 9:00am: M/M John Inzerella Family, Ernest Crochet Sr. Family, Avrill Elizabeth Patout Viator & Family Living & Deceased, Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, Louis J. "Deany" Arton Jr. (B), For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Chaplet at 8:30am)
Monday, December 11 / 9:00am: Paul & Linda Richard, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)
Tuesday, December 12 / 12:10pm: Shirley Comeaux (A), Living & Deceased Family of Denise & Johnny David, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, William & Dolores Dooley, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, (Holy Hour at 11:00am)
Wednesday, December 13 / 12:10pm: The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)
Thursday, December 14 / 12:10pm: Wallace LeBlanc, James Bonin Falterman Jr. & Family Living & Deceased, Living & Deceased Family of Denise & Johnny David, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese (Holy Hour at 11:00am)
Friday, December 15 / 12:10pm: The Holy Souls in Purgatory, William & Dolores Dooley, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Holy Hour at 11:00am)
Saturday, December 16 / 8:30am: The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)
Saturday, December 16 / 4:00pm: Aaron J. & Sis Lavergne Jr., Gerald Laviolette, Johnny & Ethel Viator, E. J. DeRouen, Phillip Lyle Timmons & Family Living and Deceased, Brooks Hebert, Sederic Hebert, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura, Raymond Yoder & Family Living & Deceased, M/M Etienne LeBlanc, Edward LeBlanc, William & Dolores Dooley, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)
Sunday, December 17 / 7:00am: Cody David, Mary D. Robertson, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased
Sunday, December 17 / 9:00am: M/M John Inzerella Family, Ernest Crochet Sr. Family, Glenn Gray & Family, Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, Dennis Paul Arton (B), For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

SECOND COLLECTION-This Weekend, December 9 & 10, there will be a second collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious.**

SECOND COLLECTION-Next Weekend, December 16 & 17, there will be a special collection for the **Property Liability Insurance Fund.**

FATIMA STATUE FLOWERS-...In Loving Memory of
Deceased Members of the Arton Family
By Barbara Arton

Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of **Irene Richard & Gladys Trahan** and the Consolation of their Families. May They Rest in Peace. **Irene's funeral** will be at St. Joseph Church in Loreauville on Thursday, December 14 at 11:00am with burial at St. Marcellus Mausoleum. Pellerin Funeral Home is in charge. **Gladys' funeral** is at David Funeral Home in New Iberia on Monday at 10am.

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS-
Sunday, December 17th at 1pm, we will need volunteers to help decorate the Church. Arrive at church at 1PM.

ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH-CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES-
Sunday, December 24th-4pm Mass
Monday, December 25th-7am and 9am Masses

NEW YEARS MASS TIME-Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Monday, January 1st-9am Mass

Please pray for those who are in the Armed Forces:
US ARMY Firefighter-PFC-Braidyn Castille,
US ARMY Tank Operator-Colin Boutte
National Guard/Army-Blackhawk Helicopter Pilot-Don L. Romero II
AIR FORCE SPECIALIST GERMANY-Nicholas Barras



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-

The Knights would like to recognize the following:

Knight of the Month-Everette Dionne

Family of the Month-Jarrold & Kimberly Segura

...The Knights will be offering coffee and donut holes after the 9am mass this Sunday under the canopy of Church.

...The Knights and Ushers will pick up your Brown Paper Bag food donations this weekend for the Food Pantry Christmas Handout next Saturday, December 16th.

...The Knights will be offering coffee, hot chocolate, donut holes after the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, Sunday, December 24th under the canopy of Church.

Knights of Columbus Live Nativity Scene-This year the Nativity will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Main Street in Loreauville, Saturday, December 16 & Sunday December 17 at 5pm each night.



DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS, THERE WILL BE NO CHRISTMAS SOCIAL,

THERE WILL BE A SPRING SOCIAL, more information will be announced at a later date.

BLUE CEMETERY GARBAGE CAN-When you are replacing flowers and picking up around your cemetery plot, please put the old flowers and garbage in the Blue Garbage Can marked **Cemetery** and put the items in the garbage bag. The garbage can is located by the Cross walkway in the Cemetery. Thank you.



SANCTUARY LAMP-

**...In Loving Memory of Warren Pellerin,
Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura,
Paul & Linda Richard
by Dina Mayard**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS-This coming session will consist of Homeschool lessons each month and 1 class per month.

>**These grades: 2nd grade First Communion and 10th & 11th grade Confirmation** classes will be held at the hall on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm. **The Next class is on Tuesday, December 12th.**

>**Elementary students:** 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th grades will come on the Second Sunday of the month, Mass at 9am and then class after from 10am to 11am at the Hall. **The next Elementary class is this Sunday, December 10th.**

>**High School students:** 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th grades will come on the Third Sunday of the month, Mass at 9am & then class after from 10am to 11am at Hall. **The next High School class is next Sunday, December 17th.**

***After the 10th grade students get Confirmed this session 2023-2024, they will come back for Morality class next session 2024-2025. Then the 9th & 10th grade students who get confirmed in 2024-2025 will come back for Sacraments and or Morality Classes 2025-2026 sessions. When Confirmation gets to 8th Grade the students will come back after each year for Sacraments then Morality Classes.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE

SCHEDULE- Saturdays December 9 & 23. Practice starts at 10am at Church. The play will be performed on Sunday, December 24th at 4pm Christmas Eve Mass.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU-St. Marcellus Confessions will be heard on Wednesdays, December 13 and 20 from 6pm-7pm. All are invited to this event and Religion Students & Families can also come to confessions these nights.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT-Friday, January 5th-Adoration 8:00am until 4:00pm, followed by Devotions, Mass at 4:30pm. Please consider spending one hour with the Blessed Sacrament. The sign-up sheet can be found on table in the entrance of the Church.

COME, LORD JESUS! GROUP-The following Come, Lord Jesus group in our parish is: **Dan & Louise Duncan-Avery Island, 337-364-4966,** meet on Wednesdays at 4:00pm. If you are interested in joining the group, please call. The group goes over Sunday Gospel, explaining God's word & prayer time.

2024 ALTAR FLOWER FUND DONATIONS-Anyone interested in donating for the "**2024 Flowers**", please contact Millie Comeaux at 337-519-2555 or mail your list to Millie Comeaux, 1901 Langston Road, New Iberia, LA 70560. **Make checks out to Millie Comeaux.**
Price for the 4 Holiday Altar Flowers-*\$50.00 total for all 4.
Price for the 1 Weekend Altar Artificial Flowers-*\$20.00 for artificial flower arrangement.
Price for 1 Weekend Altar Real Flowers-\$65.00 for real flower arrangement. Please contact Millie if you want the Real Flower arrangement for a specific weekend so she can place order.

EXERCISE CLASS-There are exercise classes for Seniors on **Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:45am to 9:45am at the Hall.** If interested to participate for classes please arrive at the Hall on these days to sign up. These classes are free of charge. For more information call Loney Leeson at 337-364-8888.

Please pray for those of our community who have requested our prayers: Fisher Melder, Kristen and Baby Hebert, Becky H. LeBlanc, Wilda Hite, Loretta & Oswald Decuir, Dot Boudreaux, Barbara D. Alleman, Phyllis Aucoin, Louis Boudreaux Jr. & Sr., Barbara Clark, Fr. Manny Fernandez, Dean Lancon, Grant Darby, Michael Bourgeois Jr., Michelle Dugas, Kathy Scott, Steven Marcor, Donna McDonald Snoddy, Amy K. Citrano, Dominik Citrano, Maddox Citrano, Dossie Darby, R.T. Touchet, Craig Mayard, Kim Rentrop, Freda Rentrop, Joyce Thibodeaux, Mona Doiron, Debbie Thibodeaux, Charisse LaBauve, Judy Landry, Zenaida Retana, Charlie Thibodeaux, Natasha & Ryan Kirkeby, Kerry Hebert, Daniel Bourque, John Hebert, Stefan Norris, Roxanne Lavergne, Julia Armentor, Hazel Delahoussaye, Kimberly Elizabeth Moreaux, Linda Yoder, Patrick Castille, Peggy Derouen, Debra Kennedy, Quinton Sims, Noah Daniels, Hayward Delcambre, Angelica Daniels, Johnny & Karen Broussard, Pam Jude, Michelle Thibodeaux Broussard, Wayne Derise, Mary Darte, Kressent Landry, Dayton Boutte, Catherine Landry, Elijah Landry, Jason Walker, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Barbara Boudreaux, Brandon Barbin, Cassie Lannie, Marvin Rentrop, Mary Grace Rentrop, Zoda P. Bourque, Christian James, Blair & Wendy Yoder, Mark & Karen Messinger, Ken & Judy Broussard, Katie Faulk, Edwin Mayeaux, Freddie Norris, Cody Castille, Robert LeBlanc, Geraldine LeBlanc, Lauris Land, Roy Boudreaux, Ramsey Moss, Kade Breaux, Savannah Jones, Bailey Doré, Joseph Calvin Landry, Gerald Sewell, Carmen Decuir, Lois Romero, Joyce Romero, Gretchen Lavergne, Glorious Broussard, Marcus Hebert, Hypolite Meyers, Nicholas Landry, Wanda Breaux, Faith Kreamer, Jermaine Boutte, Jennifer O'Neall, Randal Riggie, Rita & Steven King, Don Simon, Jessica Guidry, Barbara LeBlanc, Pete Bourque, Amy Crochet, Alison Lavergne, Bella Cervantes, Georgie Pellerin, William "Kojak" Broussard, Monique Lancon, Michael Norris, Denise David, Jessica LeJeune, Ann LaPointe, Payton Suire, Brian Delcambre, Steven Lavergne, & sick members of our church parish family, the homebound, those with a dependency, those recovering from injuries & those admitted into hospitals & nursing homes.

VOCATION CHALICE Each week at Mass, a family or individual is to receive the Chalice to pray for vocations. Please pick up the Chalice in the Sacristy in back of the Altar. Thank you & God Bless. **December**
***Elsie LeBlanc-Dec. 9-16-Saturday at 4pm Mass**
***Helana & Audie Bodin-Dec. 17-24-Sunday at 9am Mass**
***Betty Romero-Dec. 24-31-Sunday at 9am Mass**

ST. MARCELLUS FOOD BASKETS-Food Baskets are prepared to help those who are in need. Please help us stock our pantry with non-perishable items. You can deposit your items in the corner of the front foyer of Church. Monetary donations will also be accepted, please enclose it in an envelope marked **Food Pantry** & drop it in the collection basket. Thank you for your continued support to this ministry. **The Food Basket handout is Saturday, December 16th from 10am-10:30am. We need Volunteers to come help hand out food baskets to recipients. Please arrive by 9:30am at Hall and stay until 10:30am.**

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED-If you are interested in helping clean the church every 4 weeks with a group, please call Yvonne at the Office to sign up at 337-364-0818.

2024 MASS INTENTIONS-Please put your list of intentions & **\$5.00 per intention** in a sealed envelope. >Indicate your name, address, phone number & the amount of money submitted. Put your envelope marked **Masses** in the collection basket or mail your envelope to the Office. **MASS INTENTIONS Will Not Be Accepted Over the Phone.** Forms can be found in the folder on the table at the entrance of Church.

Examples are for one intention: John Smith, or Mr. & Mrs. John Smith, or husband and wife-John and Sue Smith, or the John Smith Family. One intention is not John, June, Brock & Sam Smith. One intention is not John Smith, Don Boulder & Amy Charles. One intention is not Mr. & Mrs. John Smith & Mark.

Please pray for the perseverance of
Seminarian Br. Francis Xavier Gyles
Seminarian Brent Didier

God our Father, thank you for calling these seminarians to
prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow
closer to You through daily prayer. Amen.

Lafayette Vocations-www.facebook.com/lafayettelavocations
and website www.lafayettevocations.org



"I am Albanian by birth. Now I am a citizen of
India. I am also a Catholic nun. In my work,
I belong to the whole world. But in my heart,
I belong to Jesus." *Saint Mother Teresa*

LECTOR, USHER & 2024 CHURCH CLEANING

SCHEDULES-are ready and can be picked up in the folders.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will be on each Sunday at the 9am
Mass. Father will call up the children before the readings and say
a prayer then they will go in the Sacristy with the Teacher to learn
a lesson on the Sunday gospel. **For children ages 4 to 5th grade.**

All church parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette will offer
individual confession every Wednesday of Advent from 6:30pm to
8pm. This is a special outreach of mercy to encourage Catholics to
return to the Sacrament of Confession and experience God's
healing love. **St. Marcellus-Wed., December 13 & 20-6pm-7pm.**

IBERIA PARISH FOOD NET FOOD DRIVE-This Tuesday,
December 12th from 7am-6pm. Convenient drive thru/ drop off
location at the Sugarcane Festival Building, Parkview Dr. New
Iberia. Canned goods and non-perishable food items along with
financial contributions will be collected & distributed to 6 Iberia
Parish Food Pantries who serve those in need in our community.

HEALING SERVICE-Please join Fr. Manny Fernandez for a
Healing Service here at Sacred Heart Church in New Iberia on
Wednesday, December 20 at 1:30 pm in Church. Rosary at
1pm. For more information call: Faye Boutte at 337-944-6138

FESTIVAL DE LA VIE 2024-Respect, Protect and Serve All
Life together. Saturday, January 13, 2024 Parc San Souci 9am –
1pm Live Praise & Worship Music, Guest Speaker, prayer walk,
family activities. diolaf.org/ProlifeFestival Join us as we pray for
a greater respect for every life. Diocese of Lafayette.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS-Sunday, February 4,
2024 at 2:00pm at St. Anne Catholic Church, Youngsville, LA.
Are you celebrating a milestone anniversary of 25, 40, 50, 60 years
or more? If so, we invite you to register for the Diocesan Marriage
Anniversary Mass, sponsored annually by the Office of Marriage
and Family Life. Bishop Douglas Deshotel will be the celebrant,
and all registered couples will be presented with a certificate
honoring their special milestone. Reserved seating will be
provided for the couples being celebrated, but families and friends
are welcome to attend on a first-come, first-served basis until the
maximum capacity is reached. **Please register by January 26th**
12noon deadline to secure your spot.

Reflection on the Gospel-The new beginning John the Baptist
announces has everyone abuzz. The gift of forgiveness awaits any
who acknowledge their sins and let God's grace wash over them.
This fresh start is brought to completion by the One coming after
John, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. The opening verse of
the gospel, "The beginning of the gospel," reprises the first line of
Genesis. God, Mark says, is doing something new with the
coming of Jesus—a new creation that begins again every time we
turn to God. -*Living Liturgy tm, Second Sunday of Advent 2023*

"We have to care in a special way for children and for
grandparents. Children and young people are the future; they
are our strength; they are what keep us moving forward. They
are the ones in whom we put our hope. Grandparents are a
family's memory." (9/26/15-Prayer Vigil) *Pope Francis*

"God has given each of us our own work to do. It is for us to
pursue our road, that is to say, our vocation...When God gives
us such and such a vocation, He bestows upon us at the same
time His grace to fulfill it."

On Vocation (C.)-Thoughts of the Curé D'Ars

MARCH FOR LIFE-For Life-Southern Deanery-Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Praying for an end to abortion and all pro-death

activities in our nation and our world

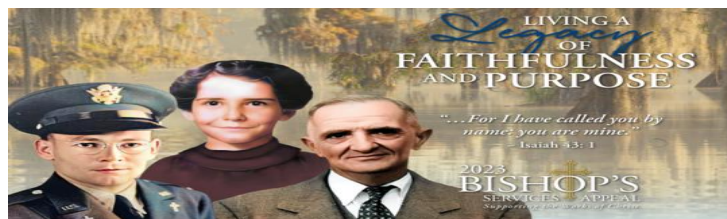
5:00pm-Holy Hour of prayers, music & adoration with confession
available at Grotto by Main Street Library,

6:00pm Silent Eucharistic Procession to St. Peter Church,

6:30pm Mass for Life at St. Peter Church, New Iberia Fr. Nathan
Comeaux will serve as presider and homilist

Pro-Life Quote-"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant
unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to
support your friend in her new journey of being a mother."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "10 Ways to Support Her
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► 2023 BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE-As of
Nov. 12-Total Collected-\$9,057.41 Our 2023 Goal-\$8,438.00
We reached our goal. Your donations are important and very
much needed by parishioner participation. Thank you!

"(Repose) reminds us that all actions get their worth from God:
"Worship" means "admitting worth." To worship is to restore
to our workaday life its true worth by setting it in its real
relationship to God. Who is its end and ours."

Venerable Fulton Sheen

OUR LADY OF THE OAKS 2024 RETREAT DATES-
Grand Coteau, LA- For list of dates or to register or info about
retreats, www.ourladyoftheoaks.com, or call 337-662-5410

ENGAGED COUPLES- Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter
Weekend. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to
prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage
recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law.
Upcoming weekends: January 26-28, April 26-28, Sept. 13-15,
2024. For cost of weekends, and to learn more, visit website
www.ceelafayette.org or Contact Tom & Geraldine Rizzuto at
337-984-7954 or cee.trahan@gmail.com

RETROUVAILLE—is a ministry for troubled marriages. This
program has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of
disillusionment or misery in their marriage. The weekend
provides safe setting encouraging couples to learn
communication in marriage in a respectful manner. Visit
www.helpourmarriage.com for more information & to register.
Call 985-232-5963 / email retrovibrcomcoor@gmail.com